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CASH IN ADVANCE

Congress being in session again,

the country may begin to breathe

a bit harder.

Perhaps we shouldn't condemn

a crook, after all. Maybe it's only

his natural bent.

There appears to be no tariff on

the wool which politicians pull over

the eyes of the people.

One trouble with the new deal

is that it is so new that it is not

yet old enough to be a success.

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And the word that is omitted would be

both interesting and true.

CHRISTMAS

Throughout the Christian world

Christmas is celebrated in com-  
memoration of the birth of Jesus

Christ, although the day or even

the year of that event is not cer-

tainly known. Observance of

Christmas was first officially ac-

cepted for December 25 by Pope Julius

in the fourth century, probably be-

cause certain pagan festivals were

held at that time of the year.

Even to this day many of the

customs which surround the Christ-

mas season may be traced to pa-

gan origins. This may be account-

ed for by the fact that early mis-

sionaries did not disturb the harm-

less native customs of the Chris-

tians, but rather merged them with

Christian observances. Thus the giving

of gifts, the decoration of homes

with holly and mistletoe, the feasting and

other customs of Christmas celebra-

tion are of very ancient origin.

Christians, therefore, may be

said to have a double significance

—one religious, the other social—the

latter perpetuating the cus-

toms of a bygone age, the former

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iday, and its social observation

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